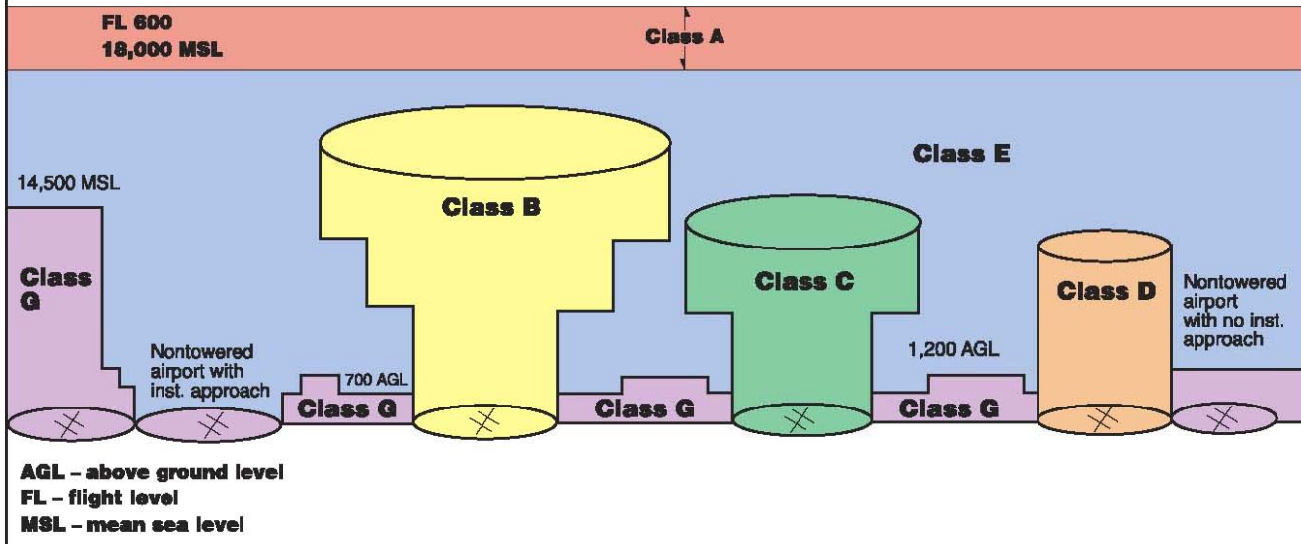


Airspace Classification



Airspace	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Class G
Entry Requirements	ATC clearance	ATC clearance	Prior two-way communications	Prior two-way communications	Prior two-way communications*	Prior two-way communications*
Minimum Pilot Qualifications	Instrument Rating	Private or Student certification. Local restrictions apply	Student certificate	Student certificate	Student certificate	Student certificate
Two-Way Radio Communications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, under IFR flight plan*	Yes*
Special VFR Allowed	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
VFR Visibility Minimum	N/A	3 statute miles	3 statute miles	3 statute miles	3 statute miles**	1 statute mile†
VFR Minimum Distance from Clouds	N/A	Clear of clouds	500' below, 1,000' above, 2,000' horizontal	500' below, 1,000' above, 2,000' horizontal	500' below,** 1,000' above, 2,000' horizontal	Clear of clouds†
VFR Aircraft Separation	N/A	All	IFR aircraft	Runway Operations	None	None
Traffic Advisories	Yes	Yes	Yes	Workload permitting	Workload permitting	Workload permitting
Airport Application	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radar • Instrument Approaches • Weather • Control Tower • High Density 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radar • Instrument Approaches • Weather • Control Tower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrument Approaches • Weather • Control Tower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrument Approaches • Weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control Tower

*Only if a temporary tower or control tower is present is the exception.

**Only true below 10,000 feet.

†Only true during day at or below 1,200 feet AGL (see 14 CFR part 91).

Figure 1 U.S. airspace classification. (Image source: www.americanflyers.net)